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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed July 16, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 15.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A curable mechanical fastener comprising:  
a fastening surface comprising a curable material; and a complementary fastening surface,  
wherein the fastening surface is capable of being repeatedly attached and unattached to the complementary fastening surface, and wherein the fastening surface is capable of becoming permanently attached to the complementary fastening surface when cured.

4. (Twice Amended) The curable mechanical fastener of claim 1, wherein the complementary fastening surface comprises a curable material.